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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION

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D) GENEVA 5697; AND E) GENEVA 5878.

1. DEPT. AGREES THAT U.S. MUST MAINTAIN POSITION THAT WE
ARE ENTITLED TO POSTS OF HIGHER STATURE IN HUMAN RIGHTS
DIVISION. OUT OF FIVE (5) AMERICANS IN DIVISION, WE HAVE
ONLY ONE P-5 WHILE USSR HAS TWO (2) P-5'S AND FRANCE HAS A
D-1 AND ONE P-5. WHILE WE ARE PLEASED WITH NOMINATION OF
RON DAVIDSON TO NY LIAISON POST, WE BELIEVE U.S. STRONG
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INPUT MUST BE IN GENEVA OFFICE. SINCE THE LOSS OF A D-1
POST OF DEPUTY DIVISION DIRECTOR IN 1975 U.S. SENIOR LEVEL
STAFFING IN THE DIVISION HAS BEEN UNSATISFACTORY. IN VIEW
OF PRESIDENT'S STRONG EMPHASIS AND LEADERSHIP IN HUMAN
RIGHTS CAUSE, WE CANNOT BE SATISFIED WITH PRESENT U.S.
STAFFING RANGE IN DIVISION. THEREFORE REQUEST MISSION
GENEVA MAKE FORMAL APPROACH BY LETTER TO VAN BOVEN

STRESSING U.S. DESIRE FOR ADDITIONAL P-5 POST. SUGGESTED
DRAFT AS FOLLOWS:
QUOTE DEAR MR. VAN BOVEN:

MY GOVERNMENT HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER ITS REPRESENTATION
IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION IN GENEVA.
OUT OF THE FIVE AMERICANS IN THE DIVISION, ONLY ONE IS
AT THE P-5 LEVEL, WHILE JUST A FEW YEARS AGO AN AMERICAN
OCCUPIED THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR POST AT THE D-1 LEVEL. IT IS
PERTINENT TO NOTE THAT OTHER MEMBER COUNTRIES HAVE A
GREATER NUMBER OF SENIOR POSTS IN THE DIVISION. IN VIEW
OF THE U.S.'S PROMINENCE IN THIS FIELD, IT WOULD SEEM
APPROPRIATE THAT AMERICAN NATIONALS SHOULD BE A FORCE IN
IMPLEMENTING THE HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM OF THE UN.

WE ARE PLEASED WITH THE PROPOSED NOMINATION OF MR. RON
DAVIDSON TO THE NEW YORK LIAISON POST. AT THE SAME TIME
WE REQUEST THAT MORE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO
IMPROVING THE LEVEL OF AMERICAN PRESENCE IN THE DIVISION
IN GENEVA. IN THIS CONNECTION, MY GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO
STRONGLY SUPPORT THE CANDIDACY OF MR. FRANK CRAWFORD FOR
AN APPROPRIATE SENIOR OFFICER POST WHERE HIS EXTENSIVE
EXPERTISE CAN BE USED. WE WILL, OF COURSE, BE PLEASED TO
SUGGEST OTHER U.S. CANDIDATES FOR SENIOR POSTS. UNQUOTE.

2. FOR USUN - REQUEST SIMULTANEOUS APPROACH BE MADE TO
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